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H.C.R. No. 9

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Paul C. Moreno has established an
2 outstanding record of service not only to the members of his
3 community but to Texans everywhere during his longstanding tenure
4 in the Texas Legislature; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Moreno was born on April 28, 1931, and has been a
6 lifelong resident of El Paso County where he received both his
7 primary and secondary education from the El Paso Independent School
8 District in South El Paso and then went on to serve six years in the
9 United States Marine Corps, his tour of duty being with the 1st
10 Marine Division in Korea; and

11 WHEREAS, As a result of his participation in Korea, and as a
12 tribute to his service to the country, Mr. Moreno was awarded the
13 following citations:

- 14 1. U.S. Presidential Unit Citation with Two Bronze Stars
15 2. Korean Presidential Unit Citation with one Oak Leaf
16 Cluster
17 3. Korean Service Medal with one Silver and One Bronze Star
18 4. The National Defense Service Medal
19 5. Good Conduct Medal; and

20 WHEREAS, After earning his B.B.A. degree at Texas Western
21 College, now known as The University of Texas at El Paso, Mr. Moreno
22 went on to The University of Texas Law School where he prepared for
23 what would become a long and distinguished career of dedicated
24 public service, and is currently a member of the State Bar of Texas,

1 the El Paso Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, and
2 was co-founder of the El Paso Legal Assistance; and

3 WHEREAS, He won his first election in 1966 at a time when
4 Mexican-American legislators were few in numbers and lacking in
5 influence; today he is considered the "Watch Dog" and the
6 "Conscience of the House" by his peers and is looked on by the
7 members of the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus as a mentor and
8 role model who has broken down barriers and opened doors of
9 opportunity for them as well as for members of the communities they
10 represent; and

11 WHEREAS, A passionate and outspoken advocate for the poor,
12 the disabled, the disenfranchised, and education, he sought and
13 received committee assignments that allowed him to represent
14 constituencies whose voices are not always among the most powerful;
15 currently a member of the Juvenile Justice and Family Issues
16 Committee, he has also served in recent sessions on the
17 Appropriations Committee as well as the Committee on Higher
18 Education; and

19 WHEREAS, Now an elder statesman serving his 18th term in the
20 House of Representatives and the second most senior House member,
21 Representative Moreno rightfully has earned the esteem of his
22 constituents and of his colleagues through the years of his
23 forthright and uncompromising approach to the ideals of public
24 service; and

25 WHEREAS, His achievements as the longest-serving
26 Mexican-American legislator in Texas history are worthy of
27 recognition, and his colleagues have proposed naming the state

1 office building in El Paso in his honor as a fitting tribute; for
2 the purposes of Section 2165.005(f), Government Code, this building
3 is not a state or regional headquarters for a state agency; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
6 1st Called Session, hereby extend its appreciation to State
7 Representative Paul C. Moreno for his years of devotion to public
8 service and direct the Texas Building and Procurement Commission to
9 name the state office building in El Paso the Paul C. Moreno State
10 Office Building; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official
12 copy of this resolution to the chair and executive director of the
13 Texas Building and Procurement Commission.